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1. WE WERE PARTICULARLY STRUCK BY TWO FACTS IN REFTEL. FIRST,
WE NOTE THAT UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE WOULD ALSO BE SPECIAL
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REPRESENTATIE OF THE UNSYG IN MOZAMBIQUE AND WOULD ARRIVE HERE

EARLY IN 1975 BEFORE TERRITORY ATTAINS INDEPENDENCE. WE CONSIDER THIS DECISION, IF CONFIRMED BY SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM, TO BE USEFUL FROM US POINT OF VIEW. FIRSTLY, VERY PRESENCE OF UNSYG SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD HAVE REASSURING EFFECT IN RELATION TO BOTH INTERNAL STABILITY AND POTENTIAL CONFLICT WITH NEIGHBORS DURING TRANSITIONAL PERIOD PRIOR TO AND SHORTLY AFTER INDEPENDENCE. MOREOVER, WITH THE PLETHORA OF POTENTIAL AID DONORS (SOME OF WHOM ARE GIVING AID TO TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT PRIOR TO INDEPENDENCE) WELL-QUALIFIED UNSYG SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE COULD BE VALUABLE TO TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT IN TERMS OF ADVICE AND COORDINATION ON ECONOMIC AID MATTERS.

2. WE ALSO NOTE THAT DOO KINGUE SAID IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY FOR SECRETARY GENERAL TO LAUNCH A SPECIAL APPEAL FOR EMERGENCY REHABILITATION AID IN CRITICAL AREAS OF MOZAMBIQUE. (TODAY'S NOTICIAS CARRIES ARTICLE, DATED NEW YORK DECEMBER 5, SAYING PORTUGUESE MINISTER OF INTER-TERRITORIAL COORDINATION ALMEIDA SANTOS SAW RAOUL PREBISCH "UNSYG'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR EMERGENCY OPERATIONS" RE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND FOR THE PORTUGUESE AFRICAN TERRITORIES.) FIGURE GIVEN BY DOO KINGUE OF 1-1/2 MILLION PEOPLE NEEDING SPECIAL AID SEEMS TO US EXAGGERATED. IMPORTANT TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THOSE CURRENTLY SUFFERING UNUSUAL HUNGER AND DISEASE AND LONGER-RANGE QUESTION OF DISRUPTION OF THE RURAL ECONOMY BY WAR AND CIVIL DISTURBANCES FOLLOWING JULY CEASE FIRE. IN FIRST CATEGORY, WE ARE INCLINED TO ACCEPT FIGURE GIVEN ASSISTANT SECRETARY EASUM BY PRIMIN CHISSANO OF APPROXIMATELY 250,000 PEOPLE CONCENTRATED IN THE BEIRA DISTRICT. THESE PEOPLE WERE STRUCK BY FLOODS LAST SPRING AS WELL AS BY FIGHTING PRIOR TO CEASE FIRE.

3. IF DEPARTMENT AGREES, SUGGEST IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL FOR USUN TO DISCUSS PROPOSALS RAISED IN REFTEL WITH APPROPRIATE UN OFFICIALS IN NEW YORK. IN ADDITION, IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF AMBASSADOR WILKOWSKI COULD DO SAME WITH WINSTON PRATTLEY, CURRENTLY UNDP RESREP IN LUSAKA, WHO MAY BE NAMED AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE IN MOZAMBIQUE ARRIVING HERE EARLY NEXT YEAR. WALKER

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